

Citizens' Health Care Working Group

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THAT WORKS FOR ALL
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**American College of Nurses and Midwives Supports Health Care
that Works for All Americans**

Washington, DC, -- October 7, 2005 - The Citizens' Health Care Working Group is pleased to announce the support of the American College of Nurses and Midwives among the national organizations who are in support of this effort to engage individual citizens across the U.S. in finding solutions to make health care work for all Americans. Deanne Williams, ACNM Executive Director, encouraged her members to "take this opportunity today to share your knowledge and opinions."

The Working Group is a nonpartisan group authorized by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, charged with developing recommendations for the President and Congress to provide U.S. citizens with "health care that works for all Americans." The *Health Report to the American People*, will serve as a base to engage the American people in a dialogue on health care access, cost and quality issues. The Working Group consists of 14 citizens of diverse backgrounds from across the country, in addition to Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt. To view The *Health Report to the American People* or get more information on the Citizens' Health Care Working Group, visit www.citizenshealthcare.gov.

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